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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether the Government are considering the question, apart from representations, of extending medical and educational concessions to village officers who are worse off than even the N.G.Os.? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There is nothing under consideration now, Sir."

Educational concessions to Non-Gazetted Officers

* 1698 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the educational concessions for the children of Non-Gazetted Officers are granted in cases where one of the parents is employed under the Central Government or a pensioner of the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative in case one of the parents is employed under the Central Government and in the affirmative if one of the parents is a pensioner of the Central Government."

Takkavi loans

* 1699 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the total amount of Takkavi loans granted in Ponnani taluk in the year 1954?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Rs. 41,850."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, as the Agricultural Demonstrator's office is situated only in the headquarters of sub-taluks, certain firkas are not benefited by the grant of the Takkavi loans and many are not at all getting anything and Nattika firka is one such. In view of this, will the Government appoint Agricultural Demonstrators in every firka which has a very large population and also will the Government liberalize the loans to agriculturists? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I thought the sum of Rs. 41,850 was a handsome amount. As for the other thing, if the hon. Member makes a specific suggestion, I shall have it examined."

* 1700 *Q.*—MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Member Sri Rangasami Naidu wants the question to be taken up tomorrow. This will be taken up tomorrow."

Supply of zinc sheets for Avadi Congress

* 1701 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a large number of zinc sheets were supplied by the Government to the organisers of the Congress session at Avadi in January 1955;